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HARDING STARTS FOR ALASKA TODAY

"BILLY" PRENTICE SHOT BY BARBER

Jack Dempsey Wins Decision Over Tommy Gibbons

REPUTED "KING" OF RUM RUNNERS IS NEAR DEATH

Crowded Front Street Cafe Is Scene of Shooting Wednesday Evening.

William (Billy) Prentice, 36 years of age, widely reported as the "king of rumrunners" in Alaska, was shot and probably fatally wounded last night between 11 and 11:30 p. m. in a Front Street restaurant by William Lott, a local Negro barber. Lott was taken into custody a few minutes after the shooting by Night Patrolman V. L. Tibbitts and is now confined in the local Federal jail charged with shooting with intent to kill.

Prentice is at St. Ann Hospital where he was rushed last night. His condition was reported to be very grave late this afternoon with little hope entertained for his recovery. If death results from the wounds, it was stated by U. S. Attorney A. G. Shoup that the charge against Lott would be changed to murder. Lott had not been arraigned today.

Dr. W. A. Borland, in attendance on Prentice today, said one of the bullets entered the chest penetrating a lung; two entered the abdomen and a fourth entered the back. There is very little chance for Prentice, he said.

In Crowded Cafe. The shooting took place in Harry's Grill which was crowded with patrons when the shots were fired. Lott, using a .38 caliber, double action Smith & Wesson revolver, fired five shots, four of which lodged in Prentice's body, the fifth apparently missing and going into the counter. Eye-witnesses to the affair told a representative of The Empire today that there was no warning quarrel preceding the shooting which took place with such suddenness that it was impossible to prevent or stop it after the first shot was fired.

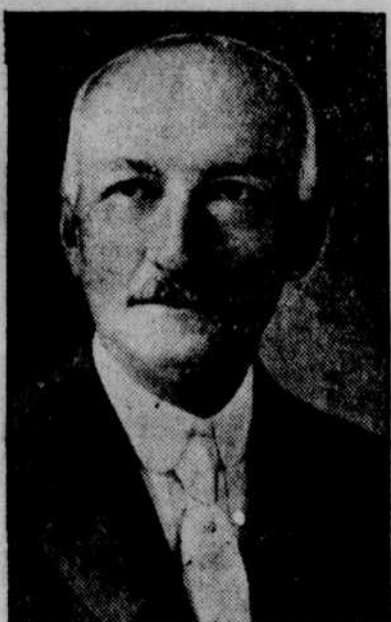
The shooting was caused by reports of certain remarks Lott was said to have made about Prentice to Winnie Swanberg, the woman whom Prentice refers to as his wife in a statement to the U. S. Attorney after he was taken to the hospital last night. The statements made by both Lott and his victim agree on that point, although there is a difference in their accounts of the events immediately preceding the shooting.

Says No Warning. Prentice made a formal statement accusing Lott of shooting him without provocation. He said he had heard Lott was talking about him and called him in the cafe and asked him about it and that the negro fired on him without warning or quarrel.

Lott's statement, according to the officers questioning him, was to the effect that after Prentice had questioned him, he had cursed him and hit him (Lott) in the face, and thinking that Prentice was going to beat him up he shot. U. S. Attorney Shoup said that Lott's face showed no mark or sign of a blow when he was questioned.

Lott also said he had been warned that Prentice was going to beat him up when he saw him. He denied, however, that when he heard of this threat, he had put the revolver in his pocket and asserted he was only told of the threat during the afternoon and had carried the gun in his pocket all day. He denied he was accustomed to carry a gun, saying it was the first time he had done so, according to officials. He is said to have offered no satisfactory explanation of why he was packing the weapon.

Witnesses Tell Story. Roy Noland, Superintendent of the Juneau & Douglas Telephone Company, gave a comprehensive story of the shooting to The Empire. He said: "I had stepped into the Grill for a light lunch about 11 p. m. There were several people at the counter and in the booths. Among the former were Prentice, Winnie Swanberg, a woman formerly residing at Douglas whom I knew then as Diva Dale. Prentice was talking



WILLIAM V. HESTER. Principal owner of the Brooklyn Eagle who is accompanying the Eagle tourists.



JOHN J. UNDERWOOD. Well known newspaperman who is representative of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C., a member of the Eagle tour party.

TIGERT FAVORS OFFICE BUREAU EDUCATION HERE

U. S. Commissioner Education Believes Juneau Best if Conditions Warrant.

The moving of headquarters of the U. S. Bureau of Education for Alaska from Seattle to Juneau is favored by Dr. Jno. J. Tigert, U. S. Commissioner of Education, if conditions might warrant Juneau the most logical center, he declared today, in discussing the work of the Bureau in Alaska. So far and at the present time Seattle has been maintained as the Alaska headquarters on account of its proximity to the field of teachers and supplies for the Government schools, which cannot be obtained in the Territory, he said.

In accordance with the present system no teachers are employed until they have been met personally by W. T. Lopp, superintendent. So far it has been impossible to obtain coal and lumber in the Territory, which are two of the largest items of supplies. "Personally I would be glad to see the headquarters of the Alaska office moved from Seattle to Juneau if conditions were such that this place could afford efficient action in carrying on the work of the office," said Dr. Tigert. "I am in favor of any action which might aid the development of the Territory." Dr. Tigert said he has not gone into the question of moving the headquarters to Juneau with a thor-

Henry O'Malley Is Now on Way To Alaska Coast

SEATTLE, July 5. — Henry O'Malley, United States Fish Commissioner, United States Senator Wesley L. Jones and Congressman Lindley H. Hadley, of Bellingham, left Tuesday on the Coast Guard Cutter Unalga. They will be at the Pribilof Islands July 15 to 20 and cover the coast from Ketchikan to Bristol Bay.

EAGLES VISIT HERE YESTERDAY; HAVE FINE TRIP

Come to Get First Hand Information About Alaska, Declares Kaltenborn.

Sixty-eight distinguished citizens of Brooklyn, N. Y., including writers, authors, lawyers and business men, organized by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle visited several hours here yesterday enroute to Mt. McKinley National Park which they will aid in dedicating early next week. The party arrived on the steamer Alaska at 8:30 a. m. yesterday and remained here until 1:30 p. m.

The visitors were guests of the town while here and were met by members of the Citizens' Committee appointed several weeks ago by Mayor I. Goldstein and taken for an automobile ride over Glacier Highway to Mendenhall Glacier. Despite the inclement weather, rain and fogs prevailing, they expressed considerable pleasure at their reception here. Following their return from the glacier trip they were received at the Governor's House by Gov. and Mrs. Scott C. Bone.

Get Own Information. H. V. Kaltenborn, manager of the tour and associate editor of the newspaper which is conducting the tour, said:

"It is our judgment that during the coming year Alaska will play a conspicuous part in the affairs of the nation and the purpose of this trip is to gain as much first hand information as it is possible to absorb."

"The first impression one gets is of magnificent distances and tremendous potential resources. While it is important to preserve natural beauty for national playgrounds, it would seem that the tremendous forests of Alaska are sufficient to keep a number of pulp mills running and at the same time not destroy the natural beauty and charm of the Territory. As we have read much of Alaskan resources, of its great mines, its agricultural land, its magnificent water power, and its inspiring mountains and rivers we have come to see them for ourselves. Upon our return we will be in a better position to express an opinion. So far I can say only that what we have seen has been extremely impressive."

Return Here July 20. The party will return here sometime July 20th, and Mr. Kaltenborn and others expressed the hope that they might spend several hours here

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Monument to American Dead Unveiled in France

PARIS, July 5. — A monument honoring the American volunteers in the French Army who lost their lives in the World War was unveiled yesterday at Etats Unis. It was erected with money contributed by the French people. President Millerand and Premier Poincare attended the unveiling. American flags flew from Elysee Palace, government buildings and Eiffel Tower radio broadcasted a purely American program including "Yankee Doodle."

DEMPSEY HOLDS CHAMPIONSHIP; GETS DECISION

Challenger Tommy Gibbons Puts Up Good Fight for Fifteen Round Bout.

FIGHTERS TALK

SHELBY, Mont., July 5. — Gibbons said: "We want a fight with Dempsey. This fight gave me an insight into his fighting and I know what I can do against him if I fight Dempsey again. I will fight him differently."

Dempsey said: "In a way I am disappointed with the result. I think I won clearly enough to dispel any doubt on the decision. I felt sure when I entered the ring I could knock Gibbons out. While I am disappointed I want to express my admiration for Gibbons and the bout he put up."

DECISION TO DEMPSEY

RINGSIDE, Shelby, July 5. — Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, was awarded the decision at the end of the fifteen round bout yesterday afternoon, over Tommy Gibbons, in one of the most surprising and upsetting heavyweight matches in years.

Gibbons was on his feet, apparently very tired and holding on desperately, when the fifteen round battle ended.

The result was distinctly a surprise as Dempsey was an overwhelming favorite, in the meagre betting, to win by a knockout, within six or seven rounds.

The game Gibbons astonished his most ardent admirers by carrying the fight to the end, hitting Dempsey in some rounds and outboxing him in spots.

Dempsey outslugged Gibbons and landed the hardest punches.

The newspaper experts at the ringside gave Gibbons a shade in rounds 5, 11 and 12 while Dempsey was out in front in the remaining 12 rounds.

Referee Dougherty did not hesitate a minute before raising Dempsey's right hand, claiming him a winner.

The result was a surprise to Jack Kearns.

Despite police protection the crowd quickly swarmed into the ring pounding Gibbons on the back and throwing their hats into the air. Gibbons smiled broadly at the friendly demonstration while the champion had his gloves removed.

Gibbons' weight was 175 1-2 pounds. Dempsey's weight was 188 pounds. They entered the ring at 3:30 o'clock. Rocky Mountain time.

MEN ENTER RING

Dempsey entered the ring at 3:30 o'clock and was given an uproarious reception. Jack Kearns was in charge of Dempsey's corner. Mike Grant shielded the champion with an umbrella while the camera men began making pictures.

Gibbons entered the ring five minutes later and was accorded a more deafening reception than the champion. Gibbons walked over to Dempsey's corner and shook hands while the gloves were being adjusted.

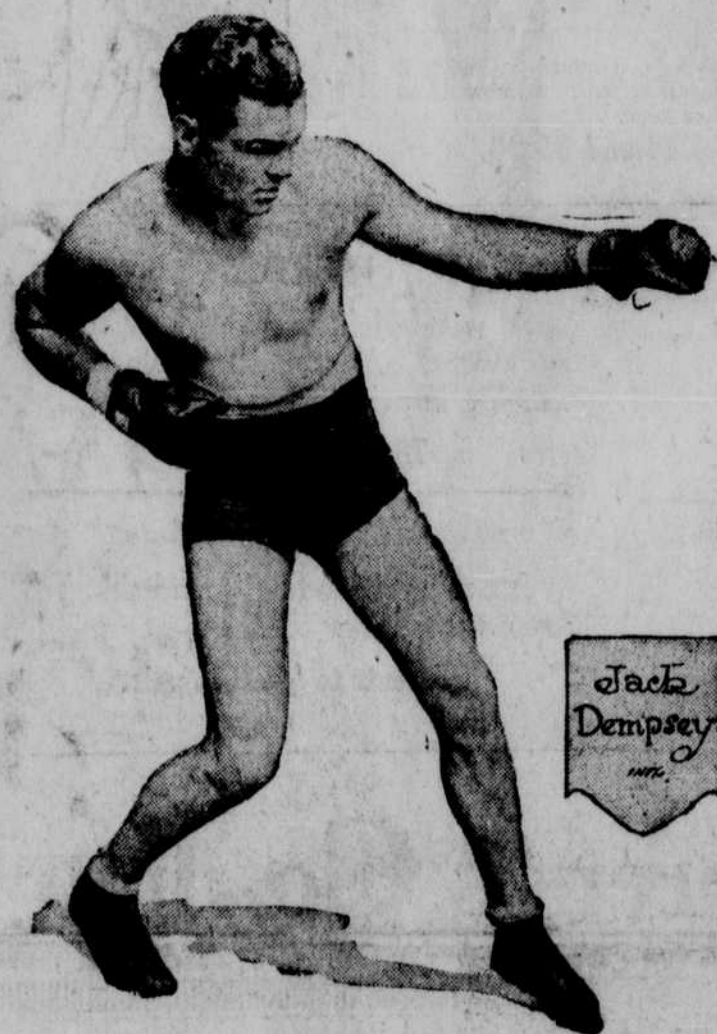
Referee Dougherty stood in a neutral corner.

RIGHT BY ROUNDS

ROUND ONE

The fighters shook hands and clinched after Dempsey hooked a left to body. Dempsey landed three lefts to body and right to head. Dempsey shot straight lefts to Gibbons' face and backed away. Dempsey swung left to jaw forcing Gibbons' retreat. Gibbons hooked left left to head and repeated. Dempsey hammered Gibbons about body with short right and lefts. In clinch Gibbons' mouth was bleeding. Gibbons hooked left to jaw and shot over a right. In

STILL RETAINS WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.



MACK CLAIMS SMITH IS TO BE CANDIDATE

N. Y. National Committeeman Believes Governor Smith to Be in Race.

NEW YORK, July 5. — Norman Mack, of Buffalo, Democratic National Committeeman, announces after a conference with Gov. Alfred E. Smith, that the Governor will enter the convention as a contender for the Democratic nomination for President.

Mack said he believed the platform would demand the modification of the Volstead act adding: "All powerful eastern and seaboard states want the Volstead act modified. The greater opposition to modification comes from the western states which are normally Republican. The southern Democratic dry states will go Democratic even if the party pledges for a more liberal alcoholic content."

Grandstands Collapse; 43 Persons Are Injured

SALT LAKE, JULY 5. — Ruby Sudbury was killed and 43 persons injured when a temporary grandstand fell last night while the crowd was watching a fireworks display.

Cuts His Throat; Wife Is Suing for Divorce

LOS ANGELES, July 5. — Robert Crozier Scott, playwright and scenario writer, was found dead in his room with his throat cut late yesterday afternoon. Suicide is indicated as papers were found indicating his wife had sued for divorce.

Wing of Plane Crumples And Stunt Flier Killed

SANTA MONICA, July 5. — P. D. Delay, stunt flier, and H. L. Short, automobile man and amateur aviator, were killed when the wing of the plane on which they were doing stunts for a crowd on the beach crumpled 2,000 feet up in the air. The plane plunged to earth and burst in flames.

PRESIDENT IN TACOMA READY TO COME NORTH

Drizzling Rain Falls But Reception Is Not Dampened in Slightest.

STOPS TRAIN AND PAYS RESPECTS TO A. L. DEAD

Makes Speech Declaring Only True Americans Are Wanted in the U. S.

TACOMA, July 5. — President and Mrs. Harding arrived shortly before 10 o'clock this morning reaching the end of a long trail over which they traveled in 15 days in 14 States reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The plans are that the President and his party will spend only about five hours here departing this afternoon on the transport Henderson for Alaska. The Henderson is due to arrive at Ketchikan on Saturday.

President Harding let it be known that the time at sea will be devoted as far as possible to rest.

This city welcomed the Presidential party in a drizzling rain which did not seem to diminish the cordiality of the reception. Crowds lined the sidewalks four deep.

The President did not seem to mind the rain which was the first encountered since he left Washington.

VISITS CEMETERIES.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 5. — Directing that the train be stopped, President Harding early today drove through a drizzling rain to two cemeteries and laid wreaths on the graves of four American Legion men killed by the Wobblies on Armistice Day, 1919. The President was accompanied by military and naval aides, and Representative Albert Johnson while the rest of the party were breakfasting or still sleeping.

President Harding said: "The world is horrified by what occurred here about three years ago."

The President said further: "Those guilty were striking at the very bulwark of the Republic, at men who saved it and men who must be counted upon to preserve it."

PRESIDENT IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, July 5. — President and Mrs. Harding arrived here at 9 o'clock yesterday morning and immediately entered upon a typical Fourth of July celebration consisting of a parade, speeches and fireworks.

As the train crossed the Willamette River, the British cruiser Curlew, anchored near the bridge, fired the Presidential salute, setting a new precedent.

President Harding in a Fourth of July address directed that the nation demand that every "man wearing the habiliments of American citizenship must be American heart and soul."

Wants True Americanism. The President dealt particularly with thorough American people and said "we do not look to this occasion to discuss a variety of topics including immigration and transportation" which he contended should be approached and solved only from a national standpoint.

"I would like to acclaim the day when there is no room in America anywhere for those who defy the law and those who seek our hospitality for the purpose of destroying our institutions should be deported or held securely behind prison walls."

"This land of ours has little to fear from those who attack from outside our borders but we must guard every defense very zealously against those who work within our borders to destroy our institutions which give them hospitality."

"A Republic which we are living for is a Republic worth defending."

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